

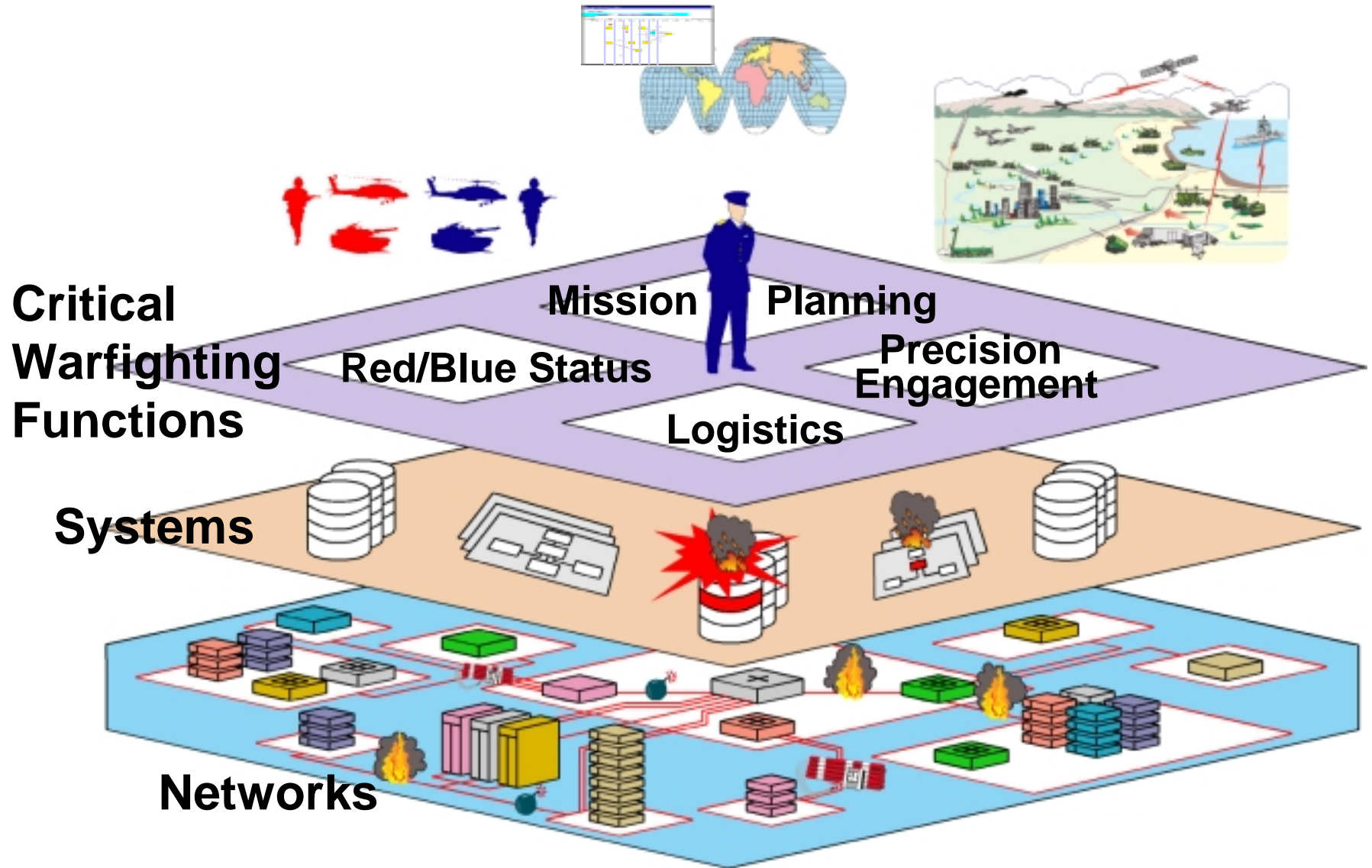
# Information Assurance & Survivability



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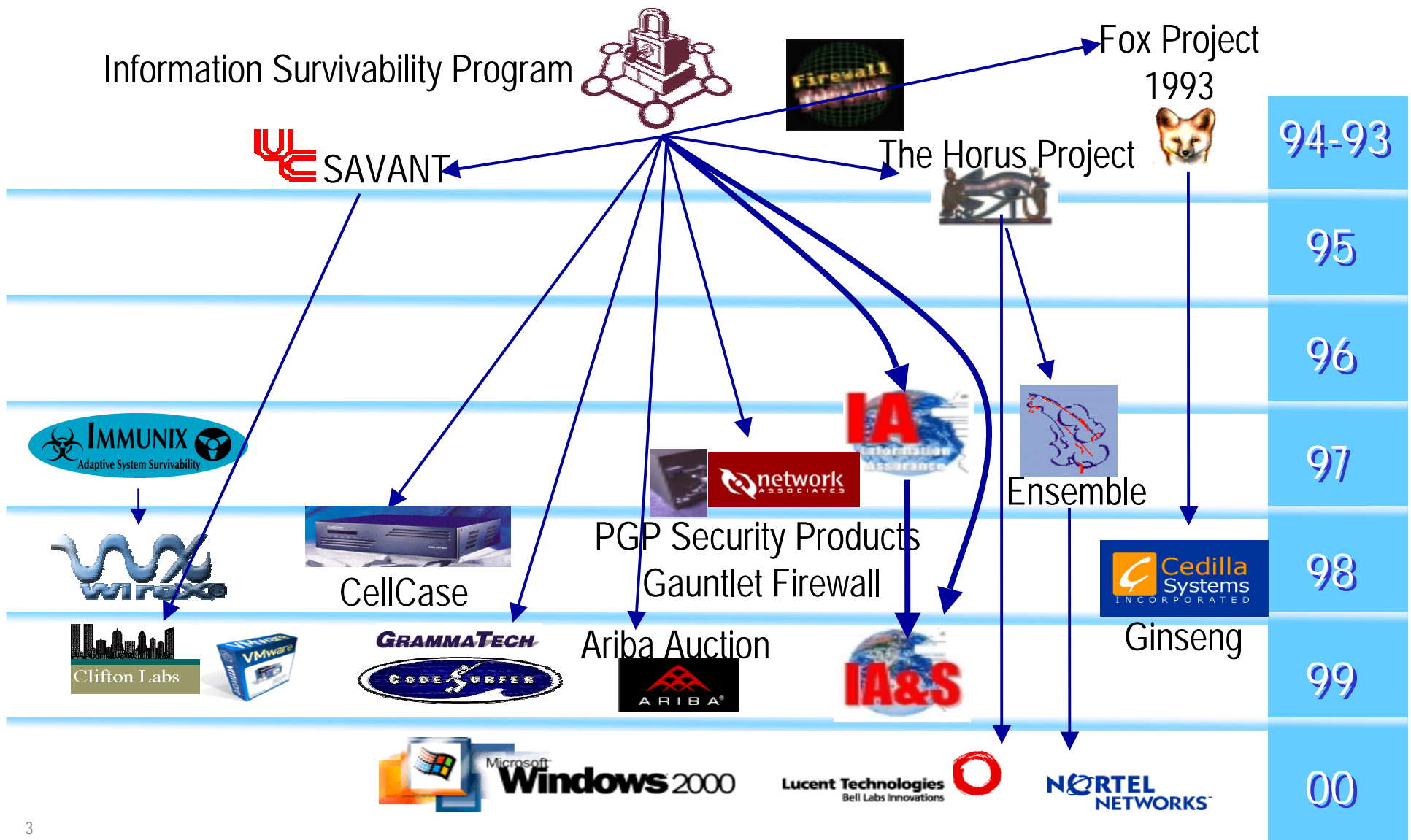
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*Can we trust the data we are fighting on?*



# History of Innovations

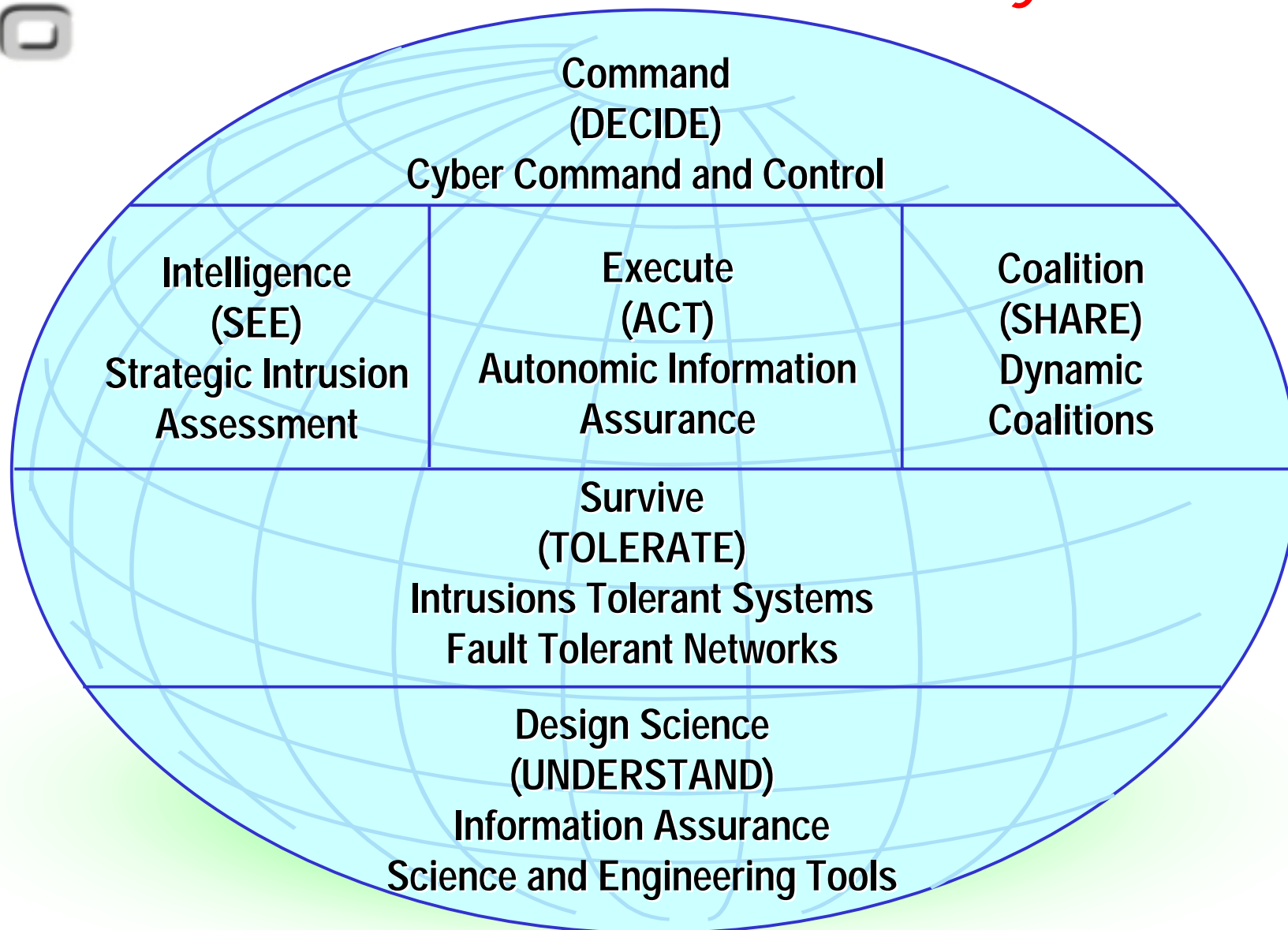
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# *Long Road Ahead*

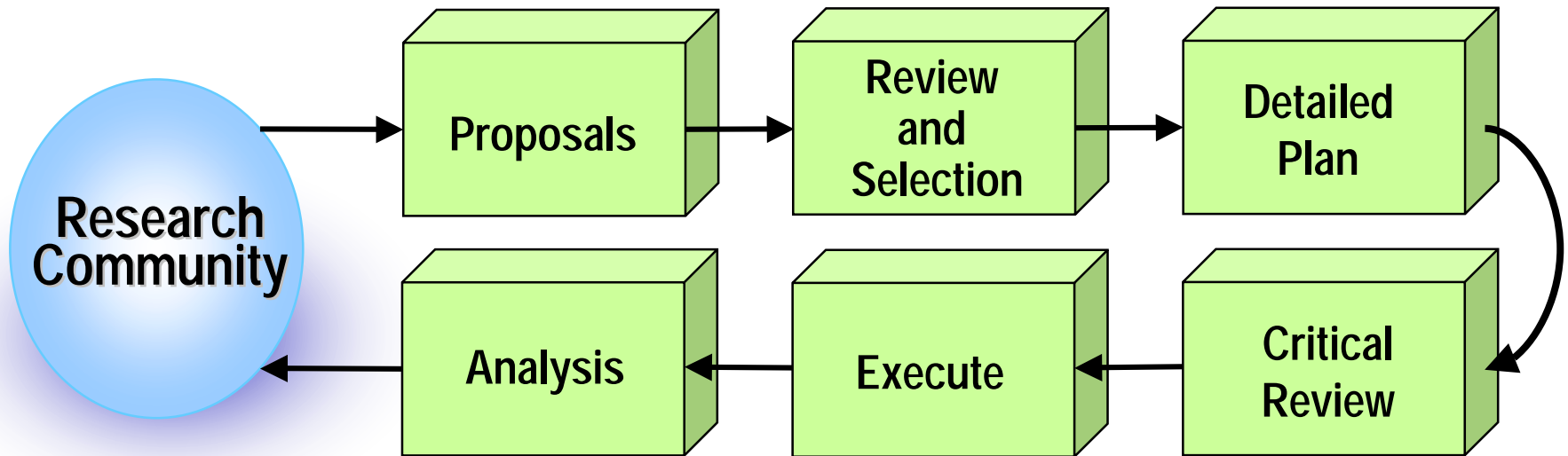


## *Objectives*





## *Approach: Scientific Experimentation*



### Grand Hypotheses:

- Layered Defense
- Dynamic Defense
- Assurance Methodology
- Automated Response
- Automated Decision Support

### Types of Experiments:

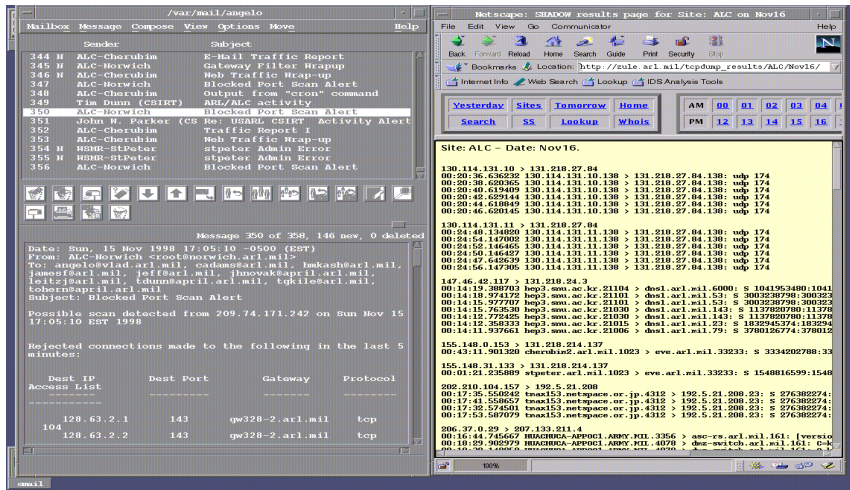
- Field Experiments
- Red Team Lab Exercise
- Laboratory Experiments
- Interdisciplinary White-Boarding
- Component Specific Testing

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# New Focus: Cyber Sensor Grid



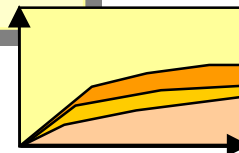
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return,success,0

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Execute ls
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return,success,0

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Audit data



Combined  
Sniffer  
Audit

Bayesian  
Techniques

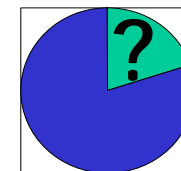
Neural nets

Statistical  
Analysis

Graphical  
analysis

Hidden Markov  
Model Detection

Signature-based  
detection



Attack space

# New Focus: Malicious Code Mitigation



## Complicating factors:

- More COTS
- Increasing use and reliance on systems
- Increasing connectivity

## Strategy:

- Detect & Expunge "On the Fly"
- New Architectural Concepts
- Address Policy Language Lag

# *New Focus: Reliable Mobile Agents*

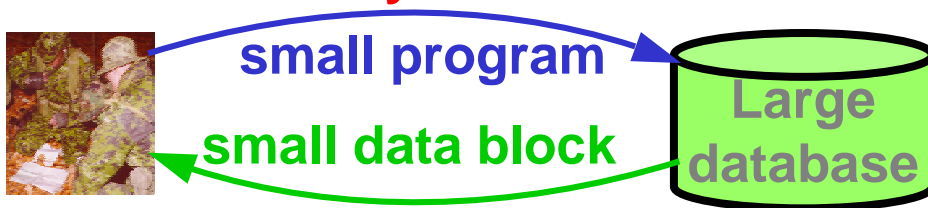
## Mobile Agents are:

Programs that can migrate from machine to machine under their own control.

Code mobility...

Functionally enhances:

### 1. Efficiency



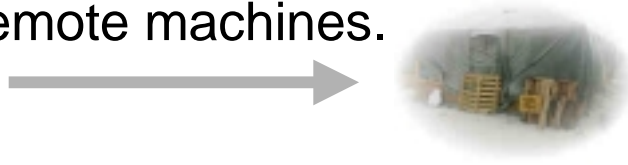
### 2. Disconnected operations

(e.g., wireless networks)



### 3. Flexibility

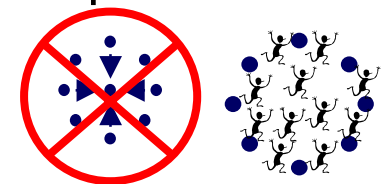
Install new functionality on remote machines.



Presents Survivability Opportunities:

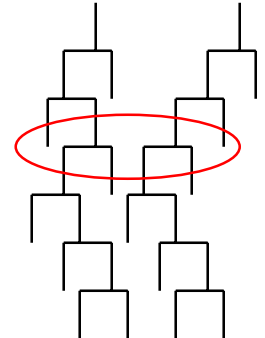
### 1. Availability

No central failure point.



### 2. Integrity

Fluidly reinforce execution traces.



### 3. Confidentiality

Code fragmentation.  
Mobile cryptography.



## *Conclusions:*

- National Level Problem
- DARPA “high-risk”/ “high-reward” focus

### *New Focus Areas:*

- Cyber Sensor Grid
- Malicious Code Mitigation
- Reliable Mobile Agents

## *Proven Success:*

- ARPANET
- Firewall Toolkit

## *Waiting Gold:*

- Secure Domain Name Service
- Internet Protocol Security (IPSEC)
- Secure Border Gateway Protocol
- Next Generation Intrusion Detection

## *More to Come:*

- Denying Denial-of-Service
- Self-Healing Systems
- Proof Carrying Code
- Trace Back
- Dynamic Defense
- Metrics & Science Based Design